GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:772
ANSWERED ON:18.07.2002
SAVINGS OF WORKING EXPENCES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the savings of working expenses of railways have crossed the estimates during 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner by which the working expenses were reduced by the railways; and

(d) the target fixed for the current year and the steps taken to achieve the target?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (d) A statement is attached.

STATEMENTREFERREDTO IN REPLYTO PARTS (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 772 BY SHRI Y.V. RAO TO E ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.07.2002 REGARDING SAVINGS OF WORKING EXPENSES.

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Ordinary Working Expenses of Railways registered a saving of Rs. 1487 cr.in 2001-02 as against a target of Rs. 910 cr. set in the beginning of the year. The saving occurred mainly due to strict implementation of various economy and austerity measures on the Railways, non-materialisation of certain items of expenditure for which budget provision existed and, to a small extent, shortfall in the targeted freight loading and the resultant drop in the level of activity.

(d) In the current financial year, a saving target of Rs. 650 cr. has been fixed and the Railways, inter-alia, are taking the following steps to achieve the target:-

(i) Better manpower management for improving per capita productivity.

(ii) Energy conservation.

(iii)Efficient utilisation of assets.

(iv) Reduction in equipment failure.

(v) Stringent financial and budgetary control through the mechanism of fixation of spending limits and monthly budget proportions and also through control on cash outgo.

(vi) Austerity in areas of hospitality, publicity, advertisements etc.